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LETTER DATED 2 JUNE 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIA ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE TRANSMITTING THE TEXT OF A REPLY GIVEN BY THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO A QUESTION ON PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR TEST, 30 MAY 1998

I have the honour to transmit herewith the reply given by the Official Spokesman of the Ministry of External Affairs to a question on Pakistan's Nuclear Test, 30 May, 1998

I should be grateful if the above could be circulated as an official document of the Conference on Disarmament.

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OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN'S REPLY TO A QUESTION ON PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR TEST

We are in the knowledge of Pakistan having conducted one more nuclear test today. This development was expected. Facts are being ascertained. Government's stand has been made clear by Prime Minister in Parliament yesterday. As is well known, India is already observing a voluntary moratorium. Pakistan has sought to justify its nuclear tests by projecting an alleged threat from India. As Prime Minister has already stated, India does not pose a threat to Pakistan. The Prime Minister also reiterated the offer to hold discussions with Pakistan on a no-first-use agreement reflecting our desire to maintain peace and stability in the region. Government is watching the situation carefully. Government remains fully prepared to deal firmly and effectively with any threat to India's national security.

New Delhi
30.05.1998

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